

s and has five designated wilderness areas so there is plenty to see and discover.

There is a primitive campground near Fairview Mountain which contains virgin Douglas Firs reaching 1.2 meters in diameter. Camping here is quite an experience and reminds one of the forest primeval. If you desire to see the sites mentioned in this article I would recommend this as a central campsite from which to explore the area.

Our trip in the Siskiyou National Forest was greatly aided by using a current forest service map. For additional information on planning a trip to this area contact the Siskiyou National Forest Headquarters, 200 N.E. Greenfield Road (P.O. Box 440), Grants Pass, Or. 97526

Special Note: VHS videotapes of the above mentioned sites are available from the senior author for \$20.00 plus postage.

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ICPS Informal Gathering

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The First Informal Gathering was held August 7-9, 1992, at the home of Carl and

Sherry Taylor in Lakeport, New York. Attending were 17 IPCS enthusiasts, one tropical fish hobbyist (Sherry), and Bill Scholl's brother, who promptly split for Canada rather than sit through yet another discussion of the relative merits of one CP over another.

Present were Christoph Belanger, Scott Bennett, Fritz Berckmuller, Jim Bockowski, Donna Ziedel, Mitchell Bogan (with his elderly Akita, Scruffy), Peter Keller, Peter and Lisa Northcote, Rob Maharajha, Carl Mazur, Randy and Robin Ogg, Bill Scholl, David Stewart, Dr. Stephen Williams, and of course Carl Taylor. Thanks to several months of making lists of supplies, foods, meal requirements, and a time schedule for various activities, the event went smoothly.

First to arrive was Chris, who has obviously received proper maternal guidance since he quickly offered to take over rug cleaning chores while Sherry attended to last-minute kitchen duties. Scott Bennett appeared, laden with several stunning watercolors of CPs. Several queries brought the response that they were his personal paintings and not for sale but brought for our viewing pleasure. Scott has done numerous ICPS covers. I can't think of a better gift for your special ICPS person if you can talk Scott into doing one for you. He can be reached Delavan Center, 501 West Fayette Street, Syracuse, New York, 13204.

Several others trickled in over the next few hours and spent the time waiting for Carl to arrive from work by getting acquainted and viewing his greenhouse and basement plantroom. A cold buffet was set out, and the evening passed too quickly as attendees caught up on the latest news and views, discovered who was keeping which plants, shared tips and ideas, described plants and seeds they brought to trade and share, and pumped Bill Scholl and Jim Bockowski for details of their Mt. Ilu trip. David began to set up his tent in the yard but gratefully accepted a piece of the living room floor instead as did Peter Keller and Bill. Several people left for their hotel rooms around 11 PM, leaving Chris holding down the spare bedroom, while Peter, David and Bill distributed their sleeping bags colorfully across the living room rug. Finally, conversation died to fits and starts, and sleepy voices muttered goodnights around 2 AM.

A cheerful Peter Keller brought groans from the rest early the next morning, but he was forgiven when he passed out steaming mugs of coffee. Breakfast was quickly prepared and eaten as more attendees straggled in, ready for the day's lectures and slideshows. All headed for the auction barn at the end of the street, where Scott Bennett led off with his slides of wild specimens of *P. vulgaris* in the northeast and *D. californica* along with other CPs. Next up was Peter Northcote with slides covering New Zealand species as well as *D. californica*, again from the wild, mixed with slides and information on other CPs he has encountered in his travels

For lunch, the group returned to the Taylor home for a backyard picnic. As promised, mosquitoes had mounted a bloody onslaught, making Chris feel like the main course on their lunch menu, but liberal applications of "Off" repellent slackened the attack to a divebombing, buzzing annoyance. Intermittent, light rain began as small groups wandered back to the auction barn for the afternoon's shows. First up was Dr. Steven E. Williams of the Department of Biology at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania, detailing genetic progression and development in plants. Dr. Williams' special interest is *Drosera* species. Completing activities was Chris Belanger, who delved into the mysteries and delights of *Utricularia* species, their care, propagation, requirements and differences. A backyard barbeque had been planned for dinner, but the fitful rain turned into a steady drip just in time to force Carl to move the grill to

the garage. Nevertheless, the unevenly cooked wings and hamburgers were eagerly devoured by all. When you're talking CPs, food is an afterthought! Other planned activities that bit the dust were a formal plant and seed exchange and a meeting to discuss a possible formal convention to be held in 1993. The constant ebb and flow through the house from living room to greenhouse to kitchen to basement plantroom to yard to dining room made it difficult to get everyone in one spot for a meeting. By the end most had wheeled, dealt and traded on an informal basis, anyway. Rob had brought a large bag of carefully-wrapped seed packets, which were tumbled out onto the coffee table and picked over as people came and went. Bill Scholl's tape of the trip was placed in the VCR and played to a standing-room only, appreciative audience. Bill



The group meeting at Carl Taylor's last summer included, left to right, Stephen Williams, Carl Mazur, Donna Ziedel, Jim Bockowski, Rob Maharajh, Sherry Taylor, Carl Taylor, Chris Belager, Bill Scholl, Lisa Northcote, Peter Northcote, Peter Keller. David Stewart is kneeling.

edited some 12 hours of video down to 2-1/4 hours of the finest "you are there" footage. It's available from Bill for \$30 in U.S. format (write to him at 11420 Winterock Road, Chesterfield, Virginia, 23832) or in a European format from Allen Hindle at 29 Montserrat Road, Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire, England, P0139LT. If you crave CPs and adventure, this tape you can and should buy! Makes a great gift, too.

After another late evening, the gang gradually dispersed to hotels and sleeping bags. Sunday morning brought photo sessions and more plant/seed trades and talk as cars were loaded for the drive home. David was one of the last to go, reluctantly. However, we had not heard the last of him that day. The phone rang a couple of hours later, and David explained that "in my delirium, I forgot to take my own plants!" Thinking fast, Sherry replied very seriously, "Oh, I think we traded those off." There was a painful silence, and then his carefully-controlled but unhappy voice said "Oh? (long pause) Really." Carl quickly reassured him the plants were safe, and David made arrangements to drive up again in a few weeks to retrieve them.

Literature Review

Schnell, Donald E. 1993. *Sarracenia purpurea* L. ssp. *venosa* (Raf) Wherry var. *bufkii* Schnell (Sarraceniaceae) — A new variety for the Gulf Coastal Plain. *Rhodora* 95:6-10.

Often referred to as the "Louis Burk" form of the subspecies in an informal way over the years, the author has concluded that the variety is indeed the prominent if not only one of the subspecies along the Gulf coast. Since there is disjunction through most